

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
**Severe Weather and Floods**  
**FEMA-DR-1655-VA)**  
**STATE SITUATION REPORT # 24**  
**1400 Hours 10 August 2006**

**FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office**  
**4800 Cox Road**  
**Glen Allen, VA 23060**  
**VDEM Hours of operations: M-F: 0800-1800 hours**  
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(New Information in Bold)

**SUMMARY**

Response and recovery operations are currently being provided from the FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO) pursuant to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth resulting from the substantial rainfall and flooding across portions of the Commonwealth during the period 23 Jun - 6 Jul 2006.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION**

**JFO Operations:** Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings continue to be conducted at the JFO on Tu & Th of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. VDEM staff meetings are now changed to M & Th of each week at 0830 hours in the JFO Conference Room. **Beginning next week, Situation Reports will be issued weekly (on Tu of each week).**

**State of Emergency and Executive Order:** By Executive Order, Governor Timothy Kaine declared a Statewide Emergency on 28 June 2006. President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia on 13 July 2006 and nine jurisdictions eligible for the Public Assistance Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide.

Pursuant to the Commonwealth's requests, four additional counties were approved by FEMA on 26 July 2006 and two counties were approved by FEMA letter on 3 August 2006 as also eligible for the Public Assistance Program. Current eligible 15 jurisdictions (one city and 14 counties):

<b>Alleghany</b>	<b>Floyd</b>	<b>Alexandria (City of)</b>
<b>Bath</b>	<b>Henry</b>	<b>Arlington</b>
<b>Botetourt</b>	<b>Highland</b>	<b>Fairfax</b>
<b>Craig</b>	<b>Mecklenburg</b>	<b>King George</b>
<b>Dickenson</b>	<b>Rockbridge</b>	<b>Rappahannock</b>

The Commonwealth's request for implementation of the Individual Assistance Program was denied by FEMA letter dated 31 July 2006. The letter also denied the Commonwealth's request for implementation of both the Individual Assistance Program and the Public Assistance Program for the City of Salem, VA. On 4 August 2006 the Governor sent a letter to the President appealing the denial for the Individual Assistance Program.

**WEATHER**

**Forecast:** **Five-day forecast (F-Sa-Su-M-Tu): 11-15 Aug 2006):** Today will be scattered showers and thunderstorms throughout today and tonight with a high of 85 and low of 69 tonight. Friday will be similar with a high of 84 before noon; partly cloudy Friday night with a low of 63. Saturday through Tuesday will be partly cloudy with daily highs from 83-90 and nightly lows from 57-70.

## **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)**

### **Legislative Liaison:**

The 15 affected jurisdictions are represented by 58 legislators. The JFO-Legislative Liaison is Mr. Art Warren ([art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov)). **US Senators George Allen and John Warner and Congressman James Moran (8<sup>th</sup> District) have sent letters to Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and FEMA director David Paulison requesting that FEMA reverse its decision denying IA for the affected areas in northern Virginia.**

### **Public Information Office (PIO):**

**On 9 August 2006, the VDEM SCO visited several media organizations (tv, radio, and newspapers) in the Hampton Roads area to explain hurricane preparedness measures and answer questions. Special emphasis was placed on the need for general public awareness and preparedness and the assistance role that is provided by the media.**

## **OPERATIONS SECTION**

### **RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH**

#### **ESF 1 – Transportation:**

Virginia Department of Transportation: **VDOT website continues to report** no primary roads and two secondary roads closed. Estimated completion dates for repairs to SR 697 in Franklin County and SR 620 in Mecklenburg County is late August.

#### **ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery:**

#### **Initial Damage Assessment Reports:**

<b>Locality</b> (37 each)	<b>Private</b> (18 each)	<b>Public*</b> (34 each)
Total	\$17,002,050	\$16,661,498

\*Includes VDOT estimates and damages to state-owned facilities.

#### **State Public Assistance (PA) Briefings:**

##### **Applicants' Briefings Conducted:**

1. When: Tue, 25 Jul 2006  
Where: State Police Academy, Richmond, VA  
Attendees: Total: 20 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies)
2. When: Wed, 26 Jul 2006  
Where: Alternate EOC, Fairfax Government Center, Fairfax, VA  
Attendees: Total: 71 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies)
3. When: Thu, 3 Aug 2006  
Where: Salem High School Auditorium, VA  
Attendees: Total: 25 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies, + Counties of Alleghany, Dickenson, Henry, + Rockbridge)

##### **Kick-off Meetings Conducted:**

1. When: Fri, 28 Jul 2006  
Where: Chantilly, VA (Fairfax VDOT Area Maintenance Office)  
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + VDOT)
2. When: Tue, 1 Aug 2006  
Where: Alexandria, VA  
Attendees: Total: 25 (FEMA-2, VDEM-4, + City of Alexandria-19)  
Comment: City documentation should be completed by 18 Aug.
3. When: Tue, 1 Aug 2006  
Where: Fancy Hill, VA (I-81, Exit 180, VDOT Area HQ)  
Attendees: Total: 24 (FEMA-2, VDEM-2, + VDOT-20)
4. When: Wed, 2 Aug 2006  
Where: Fairfax, VA  
Attendees: Total: 16 (FEMA-2 VDEM-4+ Fairfax County Schools-10)

5. When: Thu, 3 Aug 2006  
Where: King George, VA  
Attendees: Total: 5 (FEMA, VDEM, +VDOT + King George County)
6. When: Thu, 3 Aug 2006  
Where: Salem, VA  
Attendees: Total: 5 (FEMA, VDEM, +VDOT-Dickenson County)
7. When: Mon, 7 Aug 2006  
Where: Arlington, VA  
Attendees: Total: 30 (FEMA-3, VDEM-9, + Arlington County-18)
8. When: Mon, 7 Aug 2006  
Where: Fairfax, VA  
Attendees: Total: 38 (FEMA-3, VDEM-9, + Fairfax County-26)

**Kick-off Meetings Scheduled:**

1. **When: Mon, 14 Aug 2006 (1000 hours)**  
**Where: Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St, Vienna, VA**  
**Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + Town of Vienna)**
2. **When: Mon, 14 Aug 2006 (1300 hours)**  
**Where: 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, VA**  
**Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + Town of Herndon)**
3. **When: Tue, 15 Aug 2006 (1000 hours)**  
**Where: Reagan Washington National Airport**  
**Attendees: (FEMA+VDEM+MetropolitanWashington Airport Auth.)**

The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) was launched on the VDEM website, [www.vaemergency.com](http://www.vaemergency.com) on 28 July 2006. The first section, Public Assistance Program, provides all current FEMA-1655-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource documents.

**The deadline for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for FEMA-1655-DR is COB of the following dates:**

<b>Initial 9 declared jurisdictions:</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>13 Aug 2006</b>
<b>Amended 4 jurisdictions:</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>26 Aug 2006</b>
<b>Amended 2 jurisdictions:</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>2 Sep 2006</b>

**RPAs should be faxed to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Mona Ellington (tele. 804-270-4582). Then please mail the original to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Ellington. The JFO address is :**

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**RPAs have been received from the following state agencies, localities, and private non-profit organizations (13 total):**

Alexandria, (City of)	Acacia Masonic Lodge 16 (Clifton, VA)
Alleghany County	Clifton (Town of)
Arlington County	Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority
Fairfax County	Virginia Dept of Transportation
Dickenson County	<b>Virginia Dept of Emergency Management</b>
<b>Vienna (Town of)</b>	<b>Virginia State Police</b>
<b>Herndon (Town of)</b>	

**Individual Assistance:**

The severity and magnitude of damage to the private sector was determined to be insufficient to warrant Individual Assistance under the declaration. The Commonwealth's request for implementation of the Individual Assistance Program was denied by FEMA letter dated 31 July 2006. On 4 August 2006 the Governor sent a letter to the President appealing the denial for the Individual Assistance Program.

**Mitigation:**

State Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) continues working with several communities regarding National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) training, compliance, and enforcement.

**Mitigation Training Courses Scheduled:**

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| 1. | Course:    | Managing Development through the NFIP                |
|    | When:      | 21-24 Aug 2006                                       |
|    | Where:     | Richmond, VA                                         |
|    | Attendees: | By letter invitation from VDEM. <b>Letters sent.</b> |
| 2. | Course:    | Managing Development through the NFIP                |
|    | When:      | 11-14 Sep 2006                                       |
|    | Where:     | Roanoke, VA                                          |
|    | Attendees: | By letter invitation from VDEM. <b>Letters sent.</b> |
| 3. | Course:    | Retrofit of Residential Floodprone Structures        |
|    | When:      | 25-28 Sep 2006                                       |
|    | Where:     | Richmond, VA                                         |
|    | Attendees: | By letter invitation from VDEM. <b>Letters sent.</b> |

**The Administrative Plan for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) has been signed by the SCO and submitted to FEMA for review and approval.**

**HMGP Applicants' Briefings Scheduled:**

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|----|------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1. | When:      | Tue, 15 Aug 2006 (1300-1500 hours)           |
|    | Where:     | Roanoke County, VA                           |
|    | Attendees: | (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities) |
| 2. | When:      | Wed, 16 Aug, 2006 (1000-1200 hours)          |
|    | Where:     | Lexington, VA                                |
|    | Attendees: | (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities) |
| 3. | When:      | Thu, 17 Aug 2006 (1300-1500 hours)           |
|    | Where:     | Fairfax, VA                                  |
|    | Attendees: | (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities) |

**Hazard Mitigation Plans final approval received for following jurisdictions:**

Claremont (Town of)	Colonial Heights (City of)	Prince George County
Hopewell (City of)	Petersburg (City of)	*Chesterfield County
*Dinwiddie County	*Greenville County	*Surry County
*Emporia (City of)	*Stoney Creek (City of)	

Note: \*Previously approved

**PLANNING SECTION****ESF 5 – Emergency**

Continued VDEM support (planning/operations staffs, GIS, etc.) to the Special Assistant to the FCO, Robert Gunter, for Hurricane Preparedness readiness.

**ESF 7 – Resource**

VDEM JFO staffing plan is complete (through 8 Sep 2006) and is now placed on the VDEM “common drive.” Updated versions will be published periodically.

**FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION****Personnel Unit:**

Current VDEM JFO / field staffing is 43 (including 8 contractor personnel).

**Administration Unit:**

Courier service (Trade Court-EOC-JFO-EOC-Trade Court) began Monday, 24 July 2006 and continues daily.

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